

Adelaide University Graduate Research School

MRes Assistance Scholarship

Application Form — 2026

Complete all sections. Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

Before you begin — please read carefully

This scholarship is designed to provide financial support to MRes students equivalent to what they would receive under Youth Allowance or Austudy if they were undertaking undergraduate study. Eligibility and payment tier are determined by the Adelaide Graduate Research School (AUGRS), not by the applicant. Providing false or misleading information is a breach of scholarship conditions and may result in repayment of the full amount received.

You will need to provide: Evidence of current Centrelink payments (if applicable); payslips; tax documents; asset information; and, if applicable, partner income details. Full requirements are listed within each section.

Processing time: Applications typically take 4–8 weeks to assess. Complex cases may take longer. Please do not contact AUGRS to follow up within 8 weeks of submission. Payments will be back dated to the date of commencement.

Note on decisions: AUGRS decisions on eligibility and payment tier are final. The MRes Assistance Scholarship does not have a formal appeals process. Detailed reasons for decisions are not provided. By submitting this form you accept these conditions.

Section 1 Applicant Details

Family name

Given name(s)

Date of birth

DD/MM/YYYY

Student ID

Nationality /
citizenship

Residential address

Full current address including suburb, state and
postcode

Email address

Phone number

Degree program

Faculty / School

Expected program
commencementExpected program
completion

Supervisor name(s)

Mode of study

Full-time

Part-time (note: part-time enrolment may affect eligibility)

Section 2 Current Centrelink Status

Answer Question 2.1 first — your answer determines which remaining sections apply to you

2.1 Are you currently receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy, Disability Support Pension, or any other Centrelink payment?

Yes — I am currently receiving a Centrelink payment → proceed to Section 2A

No — I am not currently receiving any Centrelink payment → skip to Section 3

Section 2A — Current Centrelink Recipients

Required: You must attach a **Centrelink payment statement downloaded from MyGov** that is **no older than 30 days** from the date of this application. An outcome letter alone is not sufficient — it must be a payment statement showing your payment type, amount per fortnight, and the date the rate applies from. Screenshots of MyGov screens are not acceptable as standalone evidence.

If your most recent statement is older than 30 days, you must obtain a current statement before submitting. Statements older than 30 days will not be accepted. In exceptional circumstances only, AUGRS may accept a statement up to 60 days old — this is at AUGRS's sole discretion and requires written justification.

2A.1 Payment type

Youth Allowance (Student)

Austudy

Disability Support Pension (DSP)

JobSeeker (note: JobSeeker recipients are not ordinarily eligible for this scholarship)

Other (specify below)

If other, specify payment type

Fortnightly base payment amount

As shown on your statement (\$)

Date of statement

DD/MM/YYYY

2A.2 Does your statement include any of the following components? (tick all that apply)

Energy Supplement (\$ _____/fn)

Rent Assistance (\$ _____/fn)

Pension Supplement (\$ _____/fn)

Other supplement (specify: _____
\$ _____/fn)

2A.3 Fortnightly TOTAL payment (all components combined)

Total payment per fortnight
\$

Annual equivalent
Total × 26 = \$

DSP recipients — additional note: If you receive the Disability Support Pension, your scholarship amount will be calculated on an **Austudy-equivalent basis** (i.e., what Austudy would pay given your income and family situation), not on your DSP rate. Please complete Sections 3, 4 and 5 in full.

2A.4 Have your income, living arrangements, or family situation changed since the date of this Centrelink statement?

Yes — details below

No — my circumstances are unchanged

If yes, describe what has changed

Include dates and nature of change. For example, “Moved out of family home and into rental with partner, 17 January 2026.” AUGRS may request updated evidence if circumstances have changed materially.

2A.5 Documents attached (tick all that apply)

Centrelink payment statement (MyGov download, ≤ 30 days old) PAYG payment summary (supporting only)

ATO income statement (supporting only) Other (specify below)

→ Current Centrelink recipients: after completing this section and Section 5 (Living Arrangements), proceed directly to Section 9 (Declaration). Sections 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 do not apply to you unless your Centrelink payment is DSP (see note above).

Section 3 Independence Status

Non-Centrelink applicants and DSP recipients only

Your independence status determines whether your own income and assets are assessed alone, or whether parental income and assets are also assessed. Answer the questions below carefully. **If you are under 22**, you are presumed dependent unless you meet one of the independence criteria listed in Question 3.2.

3.1 How old are you?

- 22 years old or older
- Under 22

3.2 Do any of the following apply to you? Tick all that apply

- I have supported myself through full-time employment (avg 30+ hrs/week for 18+ months in any 2-year period)
- I am married or in a registered relationship
- I have lived in a de facto relationship for at least 12 continuous months
- I have or have had a dependent child
- I am assessed as unable to work more than 30 hours per week
- I am a refugee whose parents do not reside in Australia
- It is unreasonable for me to live at home (UTLAH)
- My parents are unable to provide care
- I am an orphan and have not been legally adopted
- I have been in state care (including foster care)
- None of the above — I am dependent

3.3 If you claim independence on the basis of employment:

You must provide evidence of sustained full-time employment. Attach payslips, employer letters, or ATO income statements demonstrating an average of 30 hours per week for at least 18 months within any 2-year period.

- I have attached supporting evidence of employment-based independence

Section 4 Household Income Declaration

Non-Centrelink applicants and DSP recipients only

List yourself first, then all members of your household whose income may be relevant: partner (if applicable) and parents/guardians (if you are assessed as dependent). **Prior FY** means the financial year ending 30 June 2025. **Current year** means your best estimate for the year ending 30 June 2026.

4.1 Household income table

Full name	Date of birth	Relationship	Prior FY taxable income	Expected current year income	Occupation / Student status

Add additional rows on a separate sheet if required. Attach most recent Notice of Assessment for each person listed.

4.2 Do you have a partner?

For the purposes of this application, a **partner** includes a person with whom you are in a marriage-like or de facto relationship, including where you share accommodation, financial responsibilities, or present socially as a couple, regardless of whether the relationship is formally registered.

- Yes — my partner is listed above No — I do not have a partner

4.3 If you have a partner — please answer the following

Partner's date of birth
DD/MM/YYYY

Partner's annual gross income (current year)
\$

4.4 How long have you been living with your partner?

- Less than 12 months 12 months or more We are not living together

A partner's income **only** affects your assessment once you have been living together for 12 months or if you are already independent for another reason and you begin living together. If you have lived together for 12+ months, or are already independent, your partner's income will be factored into your eligibility assessment using the Centrelink Partner Income Test.

4.5 Partner's income documents attached

- Partner's most recent payslip (required if partner earns above \$33,982/year)

- Partner's ATO Notice of Assessment
- Not applicable — no partner, or partner earns below threshold

Section 5 Living Arrangements

All applicants must complete this section

5.1 Current living arrangement

Applicants who reside in the home of their parents or guardians will ordinarily be assessed as dependent unless compelling evidence demonstrates genuine financial independence.

- I live independently (renting, owning, or boarding independently)
 I live with my parent(s) or guardian(s)
- I live with a partner
 I live in university-provided accommodation
- Other (describe below)

If other, describe your living arrangement

5.2 Do you pay rent or board?

- Yes
 No

Your share of rent/board per week

\$

Total rent for the dwelling per week

\$(if shared accommodation)

Rental arrangement type

e.g. lease, informal board, room in shared house

5.3 If you pay rent — please attach one (or more) of the following

- Residential tenancy agreement
 Most recent rent receipts (at least 4 weeks)
- Boarding arrangement letter from landlord or head tenant
 Mortgage statement (if purchasing)
- Letter from landlord or housemate confirming rent share

5.4 Do you receive any financial support from your parents, family, or the owner of your home?

This includes free or subsidised accommodation, payment of bills, groceries, financial gifts, or regular in-kind support (meals, transport, etc.)

- Yes — describe below
 No

If yes, describe the support received

Include the nature, frequency, and estimated dollar value of any support

If you answer **Yes** to Question 5.4 and your residential address is a parental home, you will ordinarily be assessed as **dependent**. Parental income and household assets will then be included in the eligibility assessment (see Sections 4 and 7).

Section 6 Personal Income Declaration

Non-Centrelink applicants and DSP recipients only

Your scholarship payment tier is determined by your **average fortnightly personal income over the prior 13 weeks**. This mirrors Centrelink's own income-reporting methodology. Do not use your annual income or ATO income as a proxy — these can be misleading due to seasonal work patterns. Attach most recent 13 weeks of payslips.

6.1 Income sources Tick all that apply and provide details

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment income (wages/salary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employment income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment income (dividends, interest) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trust distributions | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular financial transfers from family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other government payments | <input type="checkbox"/> No income |

6.2 Average fortnightly income calculation

Income source	Total earned in last 13 weeks	÷ 6.5 fortnights = average per fortnight

TOTAL average fortnightly income (all sources)

Applicable income tier
AUGRS use only

\$

6.3 Supporting documents attached

All financial documents must be dated within the **previous 90 days**, unless otherwise specified.

- 13 weeks of payslips (all employment sources)
- Bank statements (where payslips unavailable or income is irregular)
- ATO Notice of Assessment (most recent — supporting only)
- Statutory declaration of income (if no payslips available — attach separately)
- No income — I declare I have no personal income (see Declaration, Section 9)

AUGRS reserves the right to assess income using the most recent financial year taxable income where the 13-week average appears unrepresentative of the applicant's normal earning pattern.

Section 7 Assets Declaration

Non-Centrelink applicants and DSP recipients only

Assets are used as an eligibility threshold only — they do not affect your payment rate once eligibility is established. **Your principal home and the first 2 hectares of land it sits on are exempt** and should not be included. Do not include superannuation (unless you have reached preservation age).

If your total assessable assets exceed the applicable limit, you are ineligible regardless of your income.

7.1 Do you own your home or any other real property?

Yes — I own or part-own real property

No — I do not own any real property

If yes: your principal home is exempt. Any other property (investment properties, holiday homes, vacant land, or property you let someone else use free of charge) must be declared in the table below. Provide a current council rates notice or valuation for any property listed.

7.2 Real property other than principal home

Property description / address	Estimated current value	Your share (%)	Your share value (\$)	Supporting document attached

7.3 Financial assets — savings and cash

Financial institution	Account type	Balance (current)	Your share (%)

7.4 Shares and investments

Investment / company name	Type (shares/ETF/other)	Current market value	Your share (%)

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7.5 Other assessable assets

Include motor vehicles (market value), significant personal property, boats, caravans, livestock, business assets, etc. Do not include ordinary household furniture and personal effects of modest value.

Asset description	Estimated current value	Your share (%)

TOTAL assessable assets (excl. principal home)		Applicable asset limit (AUGRS use only)	
\$		\$	

7.6 Applicable asset threshold — homeowner classification

- I own my principal home → homeowner limits apply
- I do not own my principal home → non-homeowner limits apply

Asset limits for reference (2026): Single homeowner \$321,500 / non-homeowner \$579,500. Couple (combined) homeowner \$481,500 / non-homeowner \$739,500. If your total assessable assets (Question 7.5 total) exceed the applicable limit, your application cannot proceed.

Section 8 Parental Means Assessment
Dependent applicants only — skip if independent

If you were assessed as **dependent** in Section 3, parental income and household assets are included in your eligibility assessment. This section must be completed in full. Parental means affect **eligibility only** — not your payment tier. Once eligibility is established, only your personal income determines your tier.

8.1 Combined parental / guardian taxable income

Parent / guardian name	Relationship	Prior FY taxable income (\$)	Notice of Assessment attached?

Combined parental income

\$

8.2 Parental household assets

List household assets (excluding the family's principal home). If total household assets exceed the applicable Centrelink limit, the applicant is ineligible.

Asset type	Estimated value (\$)	Notes

Total household assessable assets

\$

8.3 Documents attached

- Notice of Assessment for each parent/guardian
- Asset supporting documentation (bank statements, valuations, etc.)

Section 9 Additional Information

Use this section to provide any additional context you believe is relevant to your application. Do not use this section to argue your eligibility or interpret Centrelink rules — eligibility is determined by AUGRS.

Additional information (optional)

Section 10 Document Submission Checklist

Tick each item you are attaching to this application. Applications submitted without required documents will not be assessed until all required documents are received.

All financial documents must be dated within the previous 90 days, unless otherwise specified.

AUGRS reserves the right to request additional documentation and to make eligibility determinations based on the totality of an applicant's financial circumstances.

Applicants may not submit multiple applications for the same assessment period unless there has been a substantial and demonstrable change in circumstances (e.g. loss of employment, change in living arrangements).

AUGRS reserves the right to reject repeat applications that do not demonstrate a material change in circumstances.

✓	Document	Required for	AUGRS use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Centrelink payment statement (MyGov, ≤ 30 days)	Centrelink recipients	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 weeks of payslips (all employment income)	Non-Centrelink / DSP	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATO Notice of Assessment — applicant (most recent)	All non-Centrelink	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATO Notice of Assessment — partner (if earning > threshold)	If applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	ATO Notice of Assessment — each parent/guardian	Dependent applicants	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner's most recent payslip	If applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank statements (savings accounts, last 3 months)	If declared	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share / investment portfolio summary	If declared	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Property valuation or council rates notice	If declared	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential tenancy agreement or rent receipts	If renting	<input type="checkbox"/>

✓	Document	Required for	AUGRS use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of independence (employment, UTLAH, etc.)	If claiming independence	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed statutory declaration (non-Centrelink only)	Non-Centrelink / DSP	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 11 Declaration and Authorisation

I declare that:

- a. The information provided in this application and all attached documents is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- b. I understand that providing false or misleading information is a breach of scholarship conditions and may result in full repayment of any amounts received, and may be referred to the University's student conduct processes.
- c. I understand that my eligibility and payment tier are determined by AUGRS, not by me, and that my own interpretation of Centrelink rules is not evidence of eligibility.
- d. I will notify AUGRS in writing within 14 days of any material change in my income, living arrangements, family situation, or Centrelink payment status.
- e. I consent to AUGRS verifying information provided with the Australian Taxation Office, Services Australia, and University enrolment records as required.
- f. I understand that overpayments arising from late notification of changed circumstances will be recovered by repayment or deduction from future scholarship payments.
- g. I understand that AUGRS may require up to 8 weeks to process this application, and that complex cases may take longer.
- h. I understand and accept that all decisions made by the Adelaide Graduate Research School regarding this application — including decisions as to eligibility, payment tier, and any subsequent review of my circumstances — are final and binding. The University does not offer a formal appeals process for MRes Assistance Scholarship determinations. I accept that AUGRS's assessment of my application is conclusive and that I will not seek to challenge, re-litigate, or resubmit a substantially similar application.
- i. I understand that the scholarship assessment process, including internal deliberations, assessor notes, and the reasoning behind eligibility and tier determinations, is confidential to AUGRS. AUGRS is not obliged to provide detailed reasons for its decisions beyond confirming the outcome. I accept that I am not entitled to access assessor notes, committee discussions, or comparative information about other applicants.
- j. I understand that where my application is declined on eligibility grounds, I may reapply subsequently only if my circumstances have materially changed in a way that would affect the eligibility outcome. A change in circumstances must be declared in full at the time of reapplication. Reapplication on substantially the same facts as a previously declined application will not be considered.
- k. I understand that **giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under Sections 136.1 & 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)**

Applicant signature

Date

Signature

DD / MM / YYYY

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Application received _____ **Assessed by** _____ **Date assessed** _____

Independence status determined _____ **Centrelink payment type verified** _____

Eligibility outcome

- Eligible Ineligible — reason below Pending — further evidence required

Assigned payment tier _____ **Fortnightly amount (\$)** _____ **Effective from date** _____

Assessor notes / reason for determination

Assessing officer signature _____ **Date** _____
 Signature _____ DD / MM / YYYY

Authorised by (senior officer) _____ **Date** _____
 Signature _____ DD / MM / YYYY